മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഏക്കറോ പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലൊ. മേലൂർ പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ എത്ര ഏക്കർ മലകളുണ്ട്?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Then the Hon'ble Minister may divide according to population. I have no objection. There are forest areas. I understand that. There should be some principl and must not be arbitrary. I am saying this in your interests also. Don't think that the Unionist Party will always be the Ministerialist Party. I have made my point very clear before this. Therefore I don't want to press the motion because no useful purpose will be served.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 2

Removal of all trees and bamboos growing over Panchayat Roads

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Sir, I beg to move the following cut motion.

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,360 for Overseers by Re. 1. The Panchayat Overseers may be asked to cut and remove all trees and bamboos growing over Panchayat Roads in the State".

I brought a similar motion last year also. Then the Minister said that the Panchayat can do it. But the Panchayat does not do it. We cannot take a car over these roads. After spending a lot of money the roads are left in this condition. The Panchayat Members have got some difficulty. They will always have an eye on the next election. Therefore it is better to have a Government officer to do all these things. I am in quite sympathy with these Panchayat Members. But the difficulty is that we cannot use these Panchayat Roads. On account of the bamboos and trees growing over these roads they are useless and it is a sheer waste of money. Therefore something should be done in the matter.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: On a point of information, Sir, പഞ്ചായത്തു ആളിൽ ഇപ്പോഴെന്തെ ഇതിനു പ്രൊവിഷനില്ലേ?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: This inconvenience caused to the public is not only with respect to the Panchayat roads. Even in municipalities, this is experienced. It is certainly a matter which should engage the attention of the government. The bamboo trees over-hanging the roads should be cut and removed. There is a lot of difficulty caused. In the first place, notice has to be served personally and then only action can be taken. If they do not cut and remove the trees, the trees may be cut and removed and the cost incurred by the municipality recovered from them. In one or two instances, this is strictly adhered to, I say it will remove a lot of inconvenience caused to the people using the Panchayat roads. It is a matter probably known to many. When you are going in a car through a panchayat road, you have to be very careful with regard to your eye, for fear that the branches of the mango trees will come and touch your eyes. Certainly it is a matter known to all the people here. It is a matter which should really engage the attention of the government. It is a small affair but causing very great inconvenience. As the Member for Chalakkudi said, the Panchayatdars may be disinclined to do certain things for fear of misunderstanding between the householder and the Panchayatdar. If strict instructions are issued with regard to their removal, that will be a great help to the passers-by and to cartmen who go along the road. I think the matter will engage the attention of the government.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I agree with the mover of the cut motion that there are some such complaints existing. But the difficulty is that the Panchayatdars are even now empowered to issue notice to the owners of the trees and bamboo clusters and if they do not remove them, the same may be removed by the Panchayats and the cost recovered from the owners. When there is such a rule, how can the government interfere and ask the departmental overseers to remove these things? That is the difficulty. If the trees really belong to the government, that is, if they stand on *porombokes* then there is no difficulty. But that is not what the Hon'ble Mover means. I can do one thing. I shall bring this matter to the notice of the various Panchayats and advise them to pay particuler attention to this nuisance; and we will watch the result for some time. If they are not attending to this thing properly, then it will be time for the government to see what further steps should be taken for removing this nuisance. That is all what I can assure you, because the Panchayats are empowered—and they are an autonomous body and it is for them to attend to this work. I shall see that instructions are issued to them.

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: The reasons given by the Minister for the procedure he is going to adopt are not unsatisfactory. Since he is going to over ride the powers of the Panchayats—local institutions, some courtesy should be shown to them. First of all, they should be given notice that they should cut and remove the trees. If they persistently and deliberately refuse to do it, government can override the powers. That suggestion of the Minister is quite welcome. Hence I withdraw the cut motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 3

Completion of a Panchayat Road

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Sir, I beg to move the following cut motion. *"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,051 for Executive Staff by Re. 1. (To request the Government to complete the Panchayat road from Chalakkudi market to Vettukadavu ferry)*.

Sir, ever since I entered this House, for the last 8 years, I have been insisting on the construction of this road. I have made personal representations to the Chief Engineer, the Road Board and so on. I have written so many letters to the Chief Engineer. He must have been troubled by those letters. I have written to the Minister, to the Government, to the Diwan and everybody. Even then, the position is as it was before. There is another argument, which I have to advance now. The government have got a Food Production Scheme. In Melur village, we have got good cultivations of vegetables, tapioca, bananas and other things. The best bananas that we get in Cochin State are from Melur village. These bananas should be taken to the Chalakkudi market crossing this ferry. Then only people can purchase them. This ferry is in a hopeless condition. The agriculturists find it very difficulty to cross the ferry, and go to the Chalakkudi market. Consistant with your sympathy for food production, it is necessary that this should be done. Otherwise there will be difficulties for communications. Large quantities of vegetables, bananas, tapioca, paddy, etc., which are available in Melur village could not be taken to the Chalakkudi market.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: How long is it?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: About half a mile.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: Is there any water communication between Melur and Chalakkudi?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: This is the shortest cut and people have to go through *vanchis* to take these produce to the market. So if this is improved that will greatly help the Government food production scheme. The people of Melur village are co-operating cent per cent with the government in the matter of food production. When the Hon'ble Minister came there to hold propaganda meetings, I told him there is no use of such meetings but asked him to give them land; then they will cultivate. Though the government promised 3 acres, the people were given 20 cents, 30 cents or even 50 cents. If you give them lands, they will cultivate.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: I rise to support this motion. I must confess that I do not know anything about the ferry or the conditions there. But there are two strong reasons for my supporting the motion. Firstly, Mr. Moothedan promises us that we will be getting beautiful bananas by the opening of the road. Secondly Sir, when an Hon'ble Member has worked for eight long years for this road, I suppose that deserves a lot of sympathy.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. പക്ഷെ ഇതു പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരേണ്ടതായ കാര്യമെന്താണെന്നു് എനിക്കു മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. ഓരോ പഞ്ചായത്തിലേക്കും ജനസംഖ്യാനുപാതികമായും വിസ്തീർണ്ണാനുപാതികമായും ഓരോ സംഖ്യ അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്കു പഞ്ചായത്തിന്റെ ഭരിപക്ഷ മനുസരിച്ചു് അവുക്കു നടത്താമെന്നല്ലാതെ മറ്റൊരുവിധത്തിൽ അതു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനെക്കൊണ്ടു ചെയ്യിക്കുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ആദ്യം ഇങ്ങിനെയൊക്കെ കൊണ്ടുവന്നാൽ അതിനു പ്രയോജനമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അന്നു് ഒരു നിശ്ചിതവുമില്ലാത്തവിധത്തിൽ ഇഷ്ടംപോലെ ചിലവുചെയ്യുവാൻ മിനിസ്റ്ററുടെ പക്കൽ ഒരു സംഖ്യ വെക്കുക പതിവുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ അതില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഇതു പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരേണ്ട കാര്യമില്ലായിരുന്നു. ഇതു റോഡു ബോർഡിന്റെ മുമ്പിൽ വെച്ചുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതും റോഡുബോർഡു നിവൃത്തിക്കേണ്ടതുമാണു്. ഇതു വളരെ അത്യാവശ്യമായിട്ടുള്ള ഒന്നാണു്. കിഴക്കു കൃഷിക്കു് ഏറ്റവും പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള ഒന്നാണു മേലൂർ വില്ലേജു്. ഈ വഴിയിൽക്കൂടി വേണം അവിടെയുണ്ടാകുന്ന കിഴ

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